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Sen. Toy to present White Pine Award Thursday

What: White Pine Award for Environmental Excellence presentation

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Who: Sens. Laura Toy, R-Livonia; Bruce Patterson, R-Canton; Patty

Birkholz, R-Saugatuck Twp.; and award recipients

When: 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 22

Where: Farnum Building

Room 100

125 W. Allegan St.

Lansing

Briefing: Toy will honor Chris Last of Last Chance Logs to Lumber with

a White Pine Award to for his innovative work to "tree-cycle" wood from Emerald Ash Borer-infested trees, making the wood usable for things like bleachers, picnic tables, and fence posts. Donald Last, Chris' father, will accept the award on his behalf. The Johnson Creek Protection Group and the

Dimondale Recycling Center also will be honored.

The White Pine Award was created in 1992 to recognize local individuals or groups who have made a significant and lasting commitment to help protect our environment. Each recipient will be honored with a Senate tribute and presented with a

White Pine tree.

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